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**TITLE OF INVENTION:** INFORMATION ENCODING APPARATUS AND METHOD, INFORMATION DECODING APPARATUS AND METHOD, RECORDING MEDIUM UTILIZING SPECTRAL SWITCHING FOR EMBEDDING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN AN AUDIO SIGNAL

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